



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 4, 2024**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735 \*The YouTube option is no longer available.**

**Please use Zoom instead.**

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often pretend that we don't need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God calls each of us by name. Every community of faith is known to God, whose understanding is limited. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent and to empower those who have grown weary. Your strength is being renewed in these moments. You will mount up with wings like eagles. You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint. Praise God!

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

**ANTHEM** "We Will Understand It Better By and By" - Pethel  
Soloist, Diane Puchta, alto; The Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 66:1-6

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 1:35-46

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "I Sing Praises to Your Name" FWS #2037 (vv. 1, 2)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen, Amen"  
The Chancel Choir UMH #897

#### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "In the Singing" FWS #2255

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or brokenhearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.

**\*HYMN** "My Life is in You, Lord" FWS #2032

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "My Life is in You, Lord" FWS #2032 (first part)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

## ***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

### **UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

February 2024

11<sup>th</sup> – Betty Gastelua

18<sup>th</sup> – Lois Muller

25<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Lensky

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

February 2024

11<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Muller

18<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane

25<sup>th</sup> - Rita & John

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to [office@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **BISHOP BICKERTON TO VISIT LIE DISTRICT – Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** Bishop Bickerton will meet with clergy and laity at 6:30 p.m., at the Bible Korean UMC in Dix Hills.
- **VALENTINE PASTA MINGLE – Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour. \$10 for adult; \$5 for children 4-10; under 4 free. Children will enjoy pasta and fun activities separate from their parents.
- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fellowship Hall.
- **LIE D2D Conference – Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Hicksville UMC.** 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Free workshop for church leaders. See the flyer for more details.
- **LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet – April 5th-7<sup>th</sup>** – Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details

## **SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES**

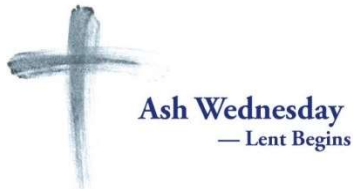
- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

### **CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:**

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

### **WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY**

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!



Pastor Claire will distribute ashes to anyone in the community regardless of faith or denomination in front of the church on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM to 12:30PM**. All are welcome.

Our **Ash Wednesday service** will be at **7:00 PM**, all are welcome there, too!



### **2024 LENTEN STUDY**

Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **February 18th through March 24th**, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, *Revival*, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com).

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